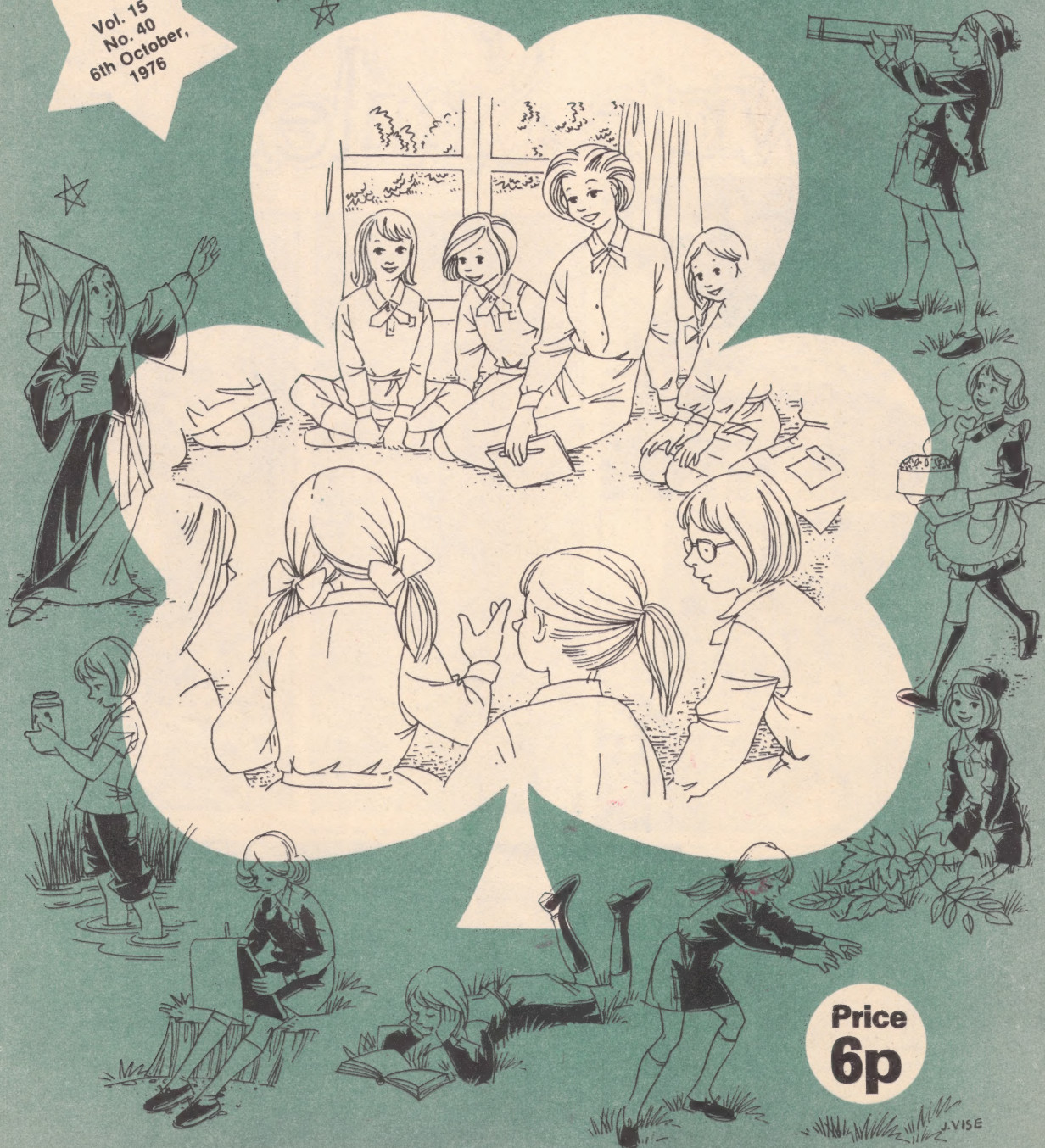


THE BROWNIE

Vol. 15
No. 40
6th October,
1976



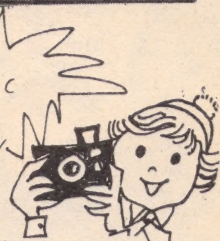
Price
6p

J. VISE



Willshire Newspapers

Brownie Smiles



Kent and Sussex Courier

Crewe Chronicle



The 'Willow Pattern' Carnival Float which won first prize in the under 16 section for the 2nd Purton Brownies (above).

Crewe Brownies (left) donate silver coins to the Seahorse Swimming Club for the Handicapped.

Starjournal Studios



No time to lose for this 12th Tonbridge Brownie (right), as she races to victory in the 'catching-the-train' game at the Brownie District Sports.



Colchester Evening Gazette

On the move: Brownie visitors to Shrewsbury (above), pause for thought beneath Darwin's statue . . .

. . . and here we see a coachful of waving hands (right), from Black Notley Brownies, as they set off on a week's holiday to Frinton.



THE BROWNIE

An Official Weekly Magazine of the Girl Guides Association
(Incorporated by Royal Charter)
President: H.R.H. The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon
World Chief Guide: Olave, Lady Baden-Powell, G.B.E.
Chief Commissioner: Mrs. Owen Walker, J.P.
All communications to: THE BROWNIE, 17/19 Buckingham
Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT (01-834 6242).

Dear Brownies,

Regular readers have come to look forward to the cartoon strips in every issue which tell you about Nature, Handcraft and Cooking. If you are collecting these strips you will have come to recognise the names of the clever authors and artists who do these strips for you. Elizabeth Wall and Andrew Liston do lovely Handcraft strips. Unfortunately, the one on 'How to Make a Papier Mâché Bowl' in the 22nd September issue, had Andrew Liston's name on it, when, in fact, this very useful article was by Elizabeth Wall.

We do apologise to both Mrs. Wall and Mr. Liston for this error.

EDITOR.

EDITOR: Jean Rush

ASSISTANT EDITOR: Pam Price

ADVERTISEMENT MANAGER: Ann Martin

EMMA THE IMP



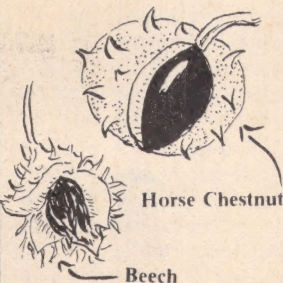
Emma and the Imps asked Brown Owl if the Pack could have a Hallowe'en party. The other Sixes thought it a wonderful idea. Their Brown Owl said 'Yes, and ask your parents to come too. Perhaps you would like to hold it in my barn?'. 'Oh, yes please' shouted all the Brownies.

Be a Nature Detective by Marjorie Barwell

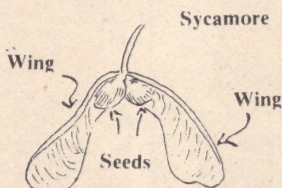
Now is the time to start collecting Tree Seeds. How many kinds can you find?



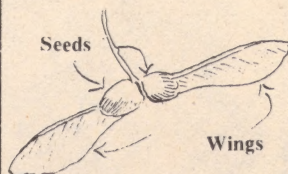
Some seeds are large, and grow in cases until they are ripe.



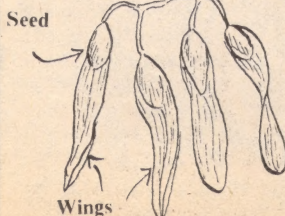
Many tree seeds are blown away by the wind. They all have one or two wings to help them on their way.



Maple seeds also have two wings. Can you tell the difference between Maple and Sycamore seeds?



Ash seeds have one wing. They hang in bunches and stay on the tree a long time.

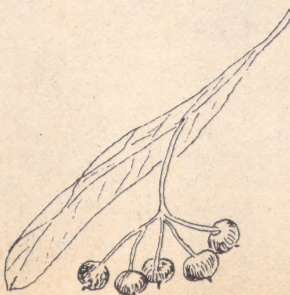


Elm seeds have one wing, very thin and papery. They fall early in autumn, but you



should still be able to find some.

Lime seeds are small round nuts in bunches. They hang from a thin wing called a bract.



Silver Birch seeds are very tiny. Look at them through a magnifying glass to see the wings. This is how they look.





Barnard Castle

One Saturday morning we left Brown Owl's house and went to Barnard Castle. The hut was outside a graveyard, which I didn't like. When we got there we unpacked. We had lunch and went down to the river to paddle and have an ice lolly. When we got back to the hut we had tea, went for a walk and played some games and sang songs. We then went to bed and talked. In the morning after breakfast we had our own church service in the garden. Afterwards we went to the castle and did some rubbings and bought things. We went back to the hut for lunch and a little rest. Later we went down to the river again. When we got back we had tea and then went home happily.

KATIE GILCHRIST,
1st Middleton (St. George) Pack,
Durham.

Entertaining

One Saturday the Brownies went to the village hall to entertain the Darby and Joan club. We said some poetry and then gave them some flowers and cress that the Brownies had grown themselves. I grew some cress for my Road badge, which I passed. For the tea tables Brownies made some water lilies from tissue paper. At tea-time two Brownies took their Hostess badge and passed. We had sandwiches and cakes, after that we had strawberries and ice cream. Later some people acted a play for us, it was very funny. Then we said prayers and went home.

TRUDY WOOD AND EMMA
SHUTTLEWOOD,
1st Leeds Pack,
Kent.

Celebrating

To celebrate our 25th birthday, we held a normal Brownie meeting in church, in front of all the people. There were three Brownies reading prayers. I was one of them. When we had finished our meeting, we shuffled back to form a horse-shoe for the Guides.

ELIZABETH EDWARDS,
2nd Egham (St. John's) Pack,
Surrey.

Waddow Hall

Recently our Pack, together with two local Packs, went on a trip to Waddow in a coach. We went along a lot of roads before we reached the countryside. Waddow Hall is a Guide training centre and is divided into camping sites. We ate our packed lunch on one of the camping sites. We then sang songs while the Brown Owls got the Olympic games ready for us. We were all divided into teams, representing different countries. We played lots of games and some Brownies won medals. Everybody enjoyed it very much and, on the way home, we sang camp-fire songs.

On the next Tuesday our Pack, together with the 67th Bolton Pack, held a coffee evening in aid of the Olympic funds and £50 was raised.

FIONA RIDYARD, ALISON
JACKSON
AND JANET SCHOFIELD,
67th Bolton (St. Mary's Dene)
Pack,
Greater Manchester North.

Packs' Holiday

One Saturday the 20th and 21st Nottingham Packs went on holiday. Mummy took me to the meeting place to wait for the bus. While we were waiting we all chattered to our friends; we were very excited. When the bus came we loaded it with all the sleeping bags and cases, said our good-byes and got on the bus. I was on the back seat and we sang songs. When we arrived at Whatton, we unloaded the bus and put our sleeping bags and suitcases in the middle of the hall. After that we sat on the grass outside and ate our picnic lunch. We all played outside till tea-time and then went for a walk on the farm and got soaked by the rain. We came back and had a hot drink and a story and then went to bed. We went to a Methodist church on Sunday morning, and sang hymns of praise. After lunch we went on another long walk on the farm and picked some barley which grew nearby. We had a race to the top of the hill and I came 2nd, then we went back for tea. On Monday afternoon we went to Elton Guide camp and took a picnic lunch with us. There were a lot of Guides camping out in tents. It was a very long way back, but we kept our spirits up by singing songs. On Tuesday we didn't go out, but as I was a waitress we had to go on errands to the village. We went with Karen, a Guide, to the butchers and post office. We did our Discovers badge in the afternoon. I did a horse, rabbit, cow, dog, and a sheep. On Wednesday we went by bus to Sherwood '76. There was a lot of different countries represented there. After we had had a good look we ate our picnic tea and went back on the bus to Whatton. On Thursday our parents came to visit us. We did a play. Later we all had our tea together. We had sandwiches, trifles and cakes, and then said goodbye. On Friday we went to Grantham to get our presents. I got some soap for mummy, a mug for daddy, a Paddington bear for my sister, a kitten and a pen for granny and a mug for grandpa. On Saturday, going home, we all sang songs because we were very happy. My parents came to meet me. I enjoyed every moment of my Pack Holiday.

PHILIPPA DYE,
21st Nottingham (St. Jude's)
Pack, Nottinghamshire.

Lend a Hand With Your Feet

by Mary Millican

'In a minute', 'I'm busy', 'Can't someone else?'. Is this the sort of reply you make sometimes if mummy asks you to do a job for her? Perhaps she is mixing a cake and forgot to buy the eggs, so she asks you to pop down to the shop to get some — just as you have reached the most exciting part of your book, or maybe she asks you to lay the table while she is dishing up the meal — just as you are putting your dolls to bed.

It can be maddening to have to stop what you are doing in order to do a job for someone. But can you imagine mummy saying 'In a minute', or 'I'm busy', if you should be unfortunate enough to fall over and need patching up? Of

course not — she would come running to help you



whatever she happened to be doing at that moment.

I wonder what you would think if you came



Drawings by Jennetta Vise

home from school one day to find the breakfast things still on the table, the clothes unwashed, and mummy sitting reading a book? Perhaps you might think

'Funny mummy — doesn't she know I'm home?' But you see, mummies are not like that. They love their family, and work very hard so that there is always a clean tidy house for the family to come home to.

Sometimes, mummy needs a little help. That is why, if there is an errand to be done, or a message to be delivered, she turns to you. It is because she trusts you, and knows you can be relied upon to carry out that job to the best of your ability. After all it wouldn't be very nice if she had to turn to the girl or boy next door, every time she needed an extra pair of hands or feet, would it?

So remember, before you settle down to a book, or to watch your favourite T.V. programme, or go out to play in the garden, find out what mummy is doing. Ask her if there is anything you can do for her. Let her see that you are willing to help, and be proud if she trusts you enough to accept your help.

Dear Father in Heaven,

Help us to keep our Brownie Promise and Law. Help us to carry it out everywhere, to help us to be good and loving in all we do and say. Amen.

DEBBIE PAVEY,
9th Horsham Pack,
West Sussex.

Prayers by Brownies

Dear God,

Please help me to grow strong and brave like you. Thank you very much for my mum and dad, my little brother and my dog. Thank you for letting all my family hear, read, write, and do things that other people cannot do. Please help the people in other countries, and please will you bless my family. Amen.

SHARON MESSER,
3rd Holmer Green Pack,
Buckinghamshire.

Dear God,

Thank you for all that you have done. For the Brownies all over the world, and for the food which you have given us to make us strong and well. Thank you for the bright colours of autumn, and may you keep us warm and safe through the long wintery days.

VERITY MULLETT,
1st Hugenden Valley Pack,
Buckinghamshire.

Dear Lord,

Help us all wherever we may be in this land, or over the sea, to help all the people and children, to be good and kind, and help and love you. Amen.

EMMA WHYBROW,
2nd Wymondham Pack,
Norfolk.

I thank you God for all the wonderful things you have given us.

The food and the animals.

Thank you for making us run, walk, and skip.

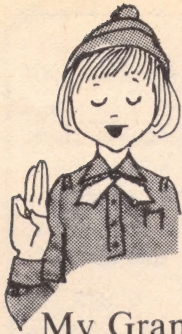
You have been kind to give us these things.

Thank you for harvest day and all the wonderful colours in autumn.

The bright yellow of the hay.

Thank you God for everything. Amen.

JACKIE HERON,
3rd Spondon Pack,
Derbyshire.



PROMISE CORNER

by
Pat Mitchell

My Gran loved having visitors. It didn't matter what she was doing when the doorbell sounded. She simply wiped her hands on her 'dirty' apron (the one she wore over her clean one and removed when someone came) and opened the door with a cheerful, welcoming smile on her face.

If she was in the middle of making pastry, or scrubbing the kitchen floor, or doing her usual enormous pile of ironing she didn't say 'Oh dear, I'm rather busy at the moment'. She just put the kettle on, told her visitor where to find the cups and

saucers and asked them to make a pot of tea while she finished off the job she was doing. People were always dropping in to see Gran. They knew she wouldn't put on special airs and graces for their benefit but that they would be treated like one of the family. On the other hand they knew Gran was genuinely delighted to see them and that she was very interested in all their news. Gran didn't have the money to give coffee mornings or dinner parties for lots of people. She did, however, make sure she always had a clean, crisply ironed, hand embroidered traycloth available and an assortment of home-made cakes and biscuits.

Brownies, even Rosebuds, had not been thought of when Gran was a girl. If they had have been, I'm sure she would have had her Hostess Badge tucked away amongst her treasures!

You will easily know one of the Ladybird beetles, of which there are several different examples. The common garden Ladybird beetle is the seven-spotted, named because it has seven black spots on the red case that cover its wings, when folded over its back. There is also the two-spotted, with two black spots on its red wing cases and the ten-spotted with ten black spots.

Smaller relatives of these two are the tiny twenty-two spotted Ladybird with twenty-two black spots on yellow wing cases and the fourteen-spotted Ladybird with fourteen black spots on yellow wing cases. All these Ladybirds are good friends to the garden, because both the beetles and their larvae or grubs can be found on vegetables, flowers and fruit bushes and trees attacking the greenflies, tiny green

The Ladybird

by Alan Major



Two
Spotted
Ladybird
Beetle

insects that do a lot of damage.

The Ladybird beetle lays about twelve yellow eggs together on the underneath of a leaf where the greenflies are hiding. These eggs soon hatch into small, carrot-shaped larvae or grubs, bluish coloured with orange spots on them. They are always hungry and attack the greenflies wherever they find them. After several weeks, the grubs turn into fat pupae or chrysalids on the underneath of a leaf and then into the beetles that continue the good work.

Hundreds of years ago the farmers noticed the beetles were stopping their crops from being damaged or spoiled by

greenflies and other pests, so they called it "the bird of Our Lady", the Virgin Mary, "bird" being the name then for beetles as well as proper birds. The name was later shortened to Ladybird. In some places it is still called a Marygold, using the Virgin Mary's name and gold meaning the orange-red colour of its wing cases. In the past the Ladybird was protected, as a sign of good luck, and no-one harmed the Ladybird beetle.

The reason why the Ladybird beetles are brightly coloured is that the colours are a warning to real birds not to touch them, as they have a nasty taste if eaten.

Dear Brownie Guides,

I wonder how many of you have a dog at home? I think you all like dogs, don't you? If you own one then you *love* them as I do. My dog is called Gina; she is a golden labrador, 2½ years old and the special thing about her is that she was going to be a Guide Dog for the Blind, but when she was only a puppy she had to have an operation on her hip and this meant she could not go through with her training as a Guide Dog. Instead she has a very happy home here with us.

Our Guide Dog that we hope, with YOUR help, to be able to pay for, is also a golden labrador just like Gina. She has started her training and as soon as this is completed we shall pay for her — £250 then she can be given to a blind person who is on the long waiting list, waiting to have a Guide Dog. Now all the pennies you send to us for the G.G.F.F. from now up to Christmas will go towards this £250. If more comes in then we can pay for a second Guide Dog and this would, of course, be wonderful. There are a great many blind people waiting hopefully — oh! so hopefully — for a Guide Dog.

I promised to tell you more about the other Christmas good cause to which you can give if you would like to. This cause is to help some elderly people who live alone and are not well off, to have a little extra heat in their homes, an extra blanket on their bed and some warm clothes to wear. You

see, Brownies, when you are old you cannot run about or walk fast to get warm; it is difficult for you to go out and carry logs back for a fire; you may think you cannot afford to go and buy warm clothes and anyway it is difficult for you to get to the shops. Sometimes an elderly person living all alone has no



The smile on this old lady's face shows how welcome Age Concern's visiting service is to the elderly, many of whom are alone or unwell.

friends nearby; no one goes to see her and she can just be left to die. This is something that must never be allowed to happen, isn't it? And this is where an



organisation called AGE CONCERN comes in.

AGE CONCERN cares about elderly people. Their voluntary workers go out and find these elderly people. They know their needs of the elderly and they do something about them and so by helping AGE CONCERN this Christmas, we shall be helping — I hope — lots of old people to keep warm, to have extra blankets and extra clothing, extra food and someone to visit them.

We may be able to help to pay for one of the lunch clubs run by AGE CONCERN where old people can go for a good, hot meal in the middle of the day and not feel so lonely as they can chat with other elderly people.

Brownies, will you tell your Brownie Guider that she — or you — can write to us for the information sheets about these two Christmas Good Turns, also the GGFF Information sheet, stickers and posters. All we ask for is a postage stamp for return postage and of course your name and address. When writing to us and when sending a donation, please write to: V.A., The Girl Guide Friendship Fund, The Girl Guides Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT.



This 'chef' (on the right) is a member of the Dartford Youth Group, carrying out the deliveries of Meals on Wheels.

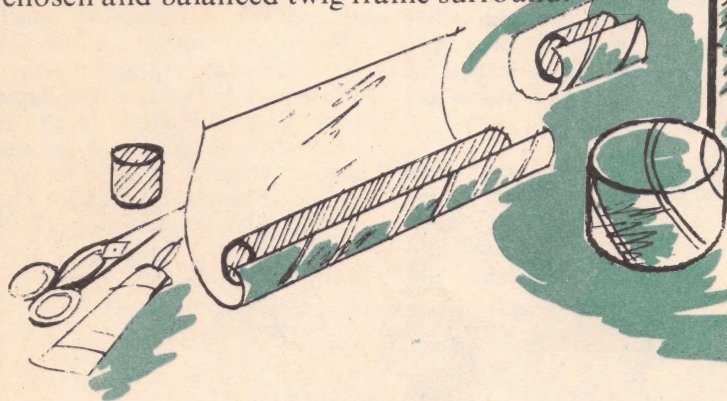
Photograph: Age Concern

Christmas G for the

by Elizabeth



For the family to enjoy, make a Christmas leaf picture, from autumn leaves, with a dull red or green tweed background, well chosen and balanced twig frame surround.

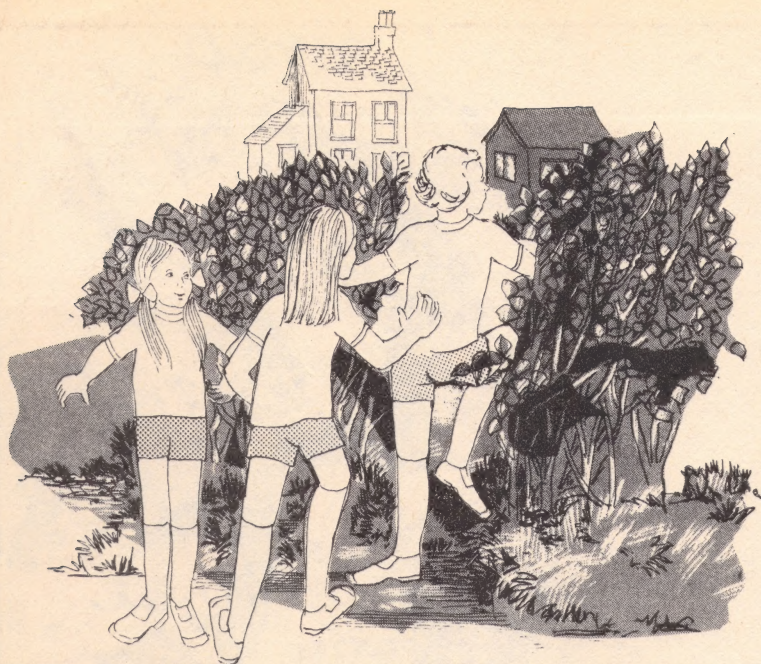


Make Christmas cut out flowers and silver leaves, from stiffish patterned paper, wire stems.



For mother, a knitting
and discarded, strong
twelve inches long. W
cut from it a top abo
Place this upon thin
circle around, cut out
circle, glue one to lid
more straight edged w
and protrude about
both lid and tube,
patterned paper, or p
making a nice tight fi





Mystery at Plas Gwyn (7)

by Heather Gorst

Drawing by Pamela McConnell

DAISSY listened intently for the slightest sound. She heard a low murmur of voices and then the crunch of footsteps on loose gravel hurrying away from the house.

'They're gone.' She gave a long sigh of relief and then froze. A brown shape moved across the grating.

'Jess'. She scrambled hastily onto the stool again and yelled. 'Help, help! I'm here. I'm shut in!'

'Coming!' shouted Susan and flung herself flat on the ground and peered in. 'What happened to you?' she asked.

'They locked me up,' said Daisy indignantly. 'But I've made an important discovery!'

It did not take Susan and Jenny long to find the room Daisy was imprisoned in and draw back the bolts.

'Jess was awfully clever,' said Jenny. 'She followed your trail easily.'

'Good old Jess,' said Daisy with gratitude.

'Tell us what happened,' implored Susan.

'There were two men here,' began Daisy. 'I managed to hear them talking and I know now what they were after, but they caught me.' She finished triumphantly. 'Diamonds!'

'Diamonds!' echoed Susan.

'Yes,' nodded Daisy. 'But I'm afraid they've got away with them.' Her eye caught a speck of white. 'What's that?' 'Only a hankie,' said Jenny picking it up. 'Wait a minute,' said Daisy. 'If Jess could track me perhaps she can find them.'

'We can try,' said Susan. 'Come on, Jess, show us what you can do.'

Jess put her nose to the ground and sniffed industriously. She circled vaguely round then after a moments hesitation she bayed in excitement and headed off down the drive and into the shrubbery.

'Not so fast,' panted

Susan hanging grimly onto her. 'We can't keep up.' Beyond the shubbery a lane led to a tumbled-down looking house.

'I can see someone moving about,' breathed Jenny. 'Over there by the shed.'

'It must be their hideout,' said Daisy. 'Let's try and get a bit nearer without being spotted.'

'Be careful,' warned Susan.

They went in single file keeping close to the hedge for cover. Jess seemed to think it was all a splendid game and plodded happily along. There was only a narrow strip of garden separating the house from the lane and Daisy finding a gap in the hedge parted the brambles and found she had a good view of the place.

'Can you see anything?' asked Susan impatiently.

'It's them all right' squeaked Daisy in excitement. 'I can see them through the window.'

'Shuch!' said Jenny immediately. 'They'll hear you!'

Daisy stared hard. She saw Bill pick up a small leather bag and tip the starkling stones onto a table.

'They've found the diamonds,' she said.

'Then we had better go back and tell Aunt Laura,' Susan said and pulled Daisy away. 'As quickly as we can.'

Aunt Laura listened to what they had to say with growing amazement. When they had finished she picked up the telephone and asked to speak to Det. Constable Roberts immediately!

They had to wait until the next morning to hear

Continued on page 16

Brownie Christmas (1)

by
W. Snelling

SCENE 1

Scene: Inside a house, a little girl sits reading. Outside carol-singing is heard. The girl opens the door to see 6 Brownies singing. They finish singing.

Girl: Here is some money for your box. What are you collecting for?

1st Brownie: Hungry children. We are all very lucky that we are not hungry at this Christmas time.

Girl: Do come in, I would like to be a Brownie too. Come and tell me all about it.

2nd Brownie: Thank you, we would love too, it's cold outside.

3rd Brownie: (To Girl) You have lots of presents, haven't you?

Girl: Yes, it is my birthday at Christmas time, would you like to see my presents?

4th Brownie: Oh, yes please.

All go to table where presents are laid out. Each pair takes a present up. 1st pair pick up a Fairy Tale Book. 2nd pair a Nursery Rhyme Book. 3rd pair a toy each. They all go and sit in separate corners.

Girl: I will go and make you all a drink.

5th Brownie: Thank you very much.

6th Brownie: Yes, we have all got very hot now, I'm sure I shall fall asleep.

They all murmur agreement and drift off to sleep.

SCENE 2

1st pair wake up and start looking through their book(s).

1st Brownie: 'Look, there is Cinderella, she looks very sad'. Cinderella appears on stage.

Cinderella: Oh, thank you, I have always wanted a Brownie to help me, there is so much to do in the house.

2nd Brownie: (After looking surprised) Yes, we must help you clear up and then you can go to the Prince's Ball.

Cinderella: (Sadly) I haven't got a ticket.

1st Brownie: (Impatiently) Of course you have, the story says so, but let's get on with the work.

They do so according to the space they have etc. Then they move on and meet Red Riding Hood.

Red Riding Hood: My basket is heavy today, I wish someone would help me carry it.

Both Brownies: We will, we often carry shopping for our mother.

(They walk with the shopping).

Red Riding Hood: I hope we don't meet the wolf.

Brownies: SO DO WE.

After they have carried the basket off stage, Alice in Wonderland comes on stage running. Brownies return.



1st Brownie: Alice in Wonderland, where are YOU going so fast?

Alice: I've lost the White Rabbit: Can you help me find him?

2nd Brownie: Of course we will, I don't expect he's far away, we can track him.

They run off after Alice.

SCENE 3

3rd Brownie: This is a pretty Nursery Rhyme Book.

4th Brownie: Yes, it has a record with it, I wish we could play it, and we could sing and dance. Look, there is a record player, I'm sure we could use it.

Before they get it on Little Bo Peep appears looking sad. The Brownies go up to her and sing Little Bo Peep.

3rd Brownie: Can we help you find your sheep, Bo Peep?

4th Brownie: We can help sew on their tails, we learn to sew at Brownies.

Bo Peep: Please, I'm afraid I get so tired in the sun and fall asleep, and the sheep run away.

(Off they go to look for sheep).

3rd Brownie: Well, we found the sheep, and sewed on their tails, look, isn't that Mary, Mary watering her garden.

Mary: I wish the flowers would water themselves, I want to go and play.

4th Brownie: Now, don't be contrary, Mary.

(They sing the song and dance round with Mary).

3rd Brownie: Now we'll help you with your gardening, Brownies like looking after flowers and plants.

They do so. After this, they walk along until it grows dark.

4th Brownie: I wish the stars were out, it's getting very dark.

3rd Brownie: There is one, look.

(She points up).

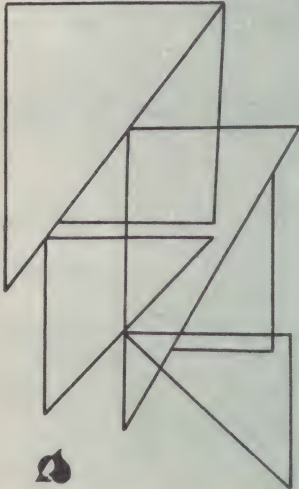
Star: (Calling down) Can someone help me to shine again?, the moon told me I was very dull last night.

Brownies: We will, come down and we will give you a good polish.

(They do). Star climbs back up in sky and Brownies sing 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star'.

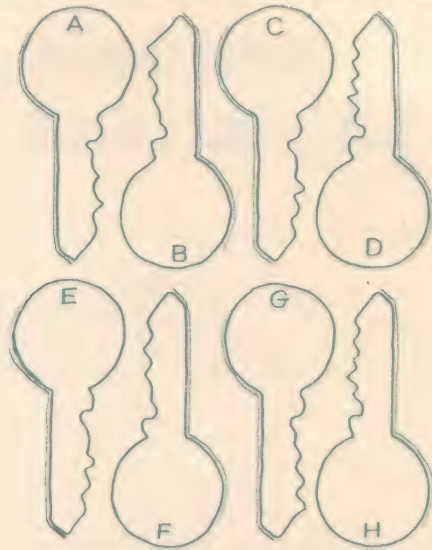
Continued next week

HOW MANY TRIANGLES?



Answer:

Just FOR Fun

 (answers
next
week)


CAN YOU FIND THE DUPLICATE KEYS?

:	:	:	:
---	---	---	---

find the changes



CAN YOU FIND TEN DIFFERENCES?



1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

IDENTIFY THE OBJECTS AND WRITE THEM INTO THE GRID SO THAT THE LINE DOWN MARKED THUS * MAKES THE NAME OF AN INTEREST BADGE.



WHICH GIRL IS FLYING THE KITE?

CAN YOU NAME THE OBJECTS?



IN AN OCTOPUS GARDEN

There was once a little fish,
Who was put on a dish,
And to the girl his story he did tell,
'One night I went down deep,
And at a garden I did peep,
And my, what a shady little dell.

There was seaweed on the ground,
The best I've ever found,
And in the shade an octopus did lie,
On rocks he made his bed,
And King Neptune he had said,
A night here I really ought to try.

There were corals for a seat,

NEVER HURT ONE LIVING THING

Do not hurt the little ladybird,



Nor kill the birds that sing,
Never catch lovely butterflies,
Nor moth with dusty wing,
Do not stamp upon the harmless worm.
That does the gardens good.
All of these are precious, made for us by God,
So guard and keep them lovingly,

JOANNE LUKE,
5th Cottesmore Pack,
Leicestershire.

A LIMERICK

There was an old man from Spain,
Who went to town in the rain,
He bought a new coat,
That soon got soaked,
So he decided to travel by train.
JANE DONALDSON,
2nd Mold Pack,
Clwyd.

And turble grass for meat,
And a lot more pretty things that I could see,
There were mermaids swimming round,
And sitting on the ground,
So everything was lively and free'.

The girl stared in surprise,
And almost popped out her eyes,
And said 'What a garden this must be
For telling me your tale,
And I know you didn't fail,
I'm sure I really ought to set you free.'

CAROLINE STONE,
9th Bexhill Pack,
East Sussex.

Please remember to enclose a completed reader's coupon with your contribution.



Before you ask a parent and Brownie Guider to sign the coupon you must make quite certain you have not copied all or any parts of the item you send for publication.

LEAVES

Leaves are falling, falling,
Down the garden path,
See them twirling, twirling,
As they fall upon the path.

The colours are nice, dark and light,
Red, yellow, orange, brown,

Leaves shine in the sun so bright,
As they come tumbling down.

I love to see leaves falling down,
Crunch, crunch, crunch!
As I walk through the leaves,
Crackle, crackle, crackle!

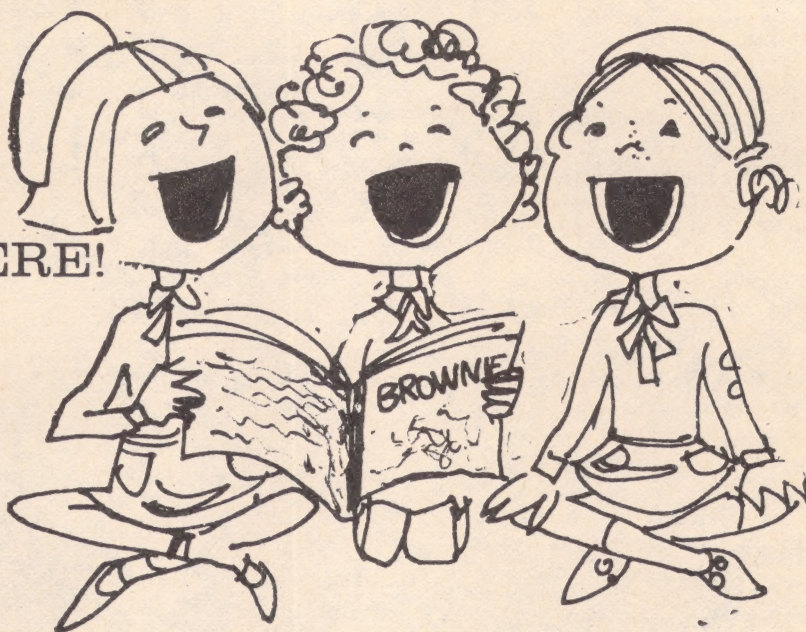
NICOLA BELL
2nd Audley Pack,
Staffordshire.



CALLING BROWNIES EVERYWHERE!

DO YOU KNOW
that you can have a
copy of THE
BROWNIE posted
to you each week,
direct from the
Printer?

You can order for
13, 26 or 52
weeks.



What a lovely present this would make for a Brownie friend at home or overseas — or even for Brown Owl as a 'thank you' from the Pack. If you would like your own personal copy to drop through your letter box every week, ask a grown-up to help you fill in this form, enclose a postal order or cheque and we'll do the rest!

RATES

Home 6p per copy plus 6½p post
13 weeks £1.62
26 weeks £3.25
52 weeks £6.50

OVERSEAS 6p per copy plus 6p post

13 weeks £1.56
26 weeks £3.12
52 weeks £6.24

ORDER FORM

IMPORTANT

Tick as appropriate

Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Order	<input type="checkbox"/>

To The Finance Department, The Girl Guides Association,
17-19 Buckingham Palace Road,
London SW1W 0PT. England. 01-834 6242.

please send....copy/copies of THE BROWNIE for weeks commencing.....

I enclose cheque/postal order/money order for.....payable to The Girl Guides Association
(Strike out words that do not apply)

Name.....
(In BLOCK letters)

Address.....
(In Block letters)

Mainly for Pack Leaders

by Jennifer Fisher

AS you will need time to gather (or check) materials and then to make the articles and the Brownies will also need plenty of time to make theirs, I think we should be about starting to think about making things for Christmas. I hope you will now have a large box of scrap materials. Here are a few items which either sell well at Bazaars or make acceptable presents for members of the Brownie's families. What about a shopping list for mum? You need plain paper; some stiffer paper or thin card and a gay picture for the cover; a long, sharp needle; strong thread; scissors; pencil; ruler; and coloured pens or crayons.

To make:

Cut the paper and card neatly to the required size, making the cover just a bit larger than the pad of paper. Cut out and stick the picture on the cover, and print the words 'Shopping list' under or above it. Stitch through the whole thickness, either at the top, or the left-hand side, making 2 or 3 stitches on top of each other. Fasten off securely.

For the men in the family a container for pencils or spills is always useful. To make it you will need an empty plastic 'detergent' bottle, some scraps of sticky-backed plastic or coloured sticky paper, and scissors.

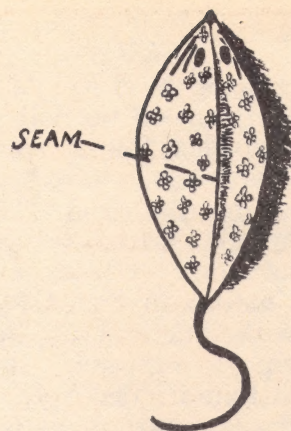
To make:

Cut the bottle two-thirds up from the bottom. Once the scissors have pierced the plastic it's not too difficult, but you may need some medium sand-paper to give a neat finish to the top. Reject the top portion of the

bottle. Decorate the sides of the container with the sticky plastic or paper. A more professional job can be done by scouring off the printing with wire wool before decorating, but this may not be possible in your meeting-place.

When you have made these yourself, you will be better able to guage the help your Brownies will need, e.g. will the younger Brownies, using the scissors your Pack possesses (which may be rather blunt, being used largely for paper) be able to cut the bottle? What will you do about this? I am sure there is no need for me to stress the importance of your making everything before showing the Brownies how to do it.

A gaily decorated pencil sticking out of the top gives a nice finish to this gift, and there are many ways of doing this. Here is just one. For each pencil you need a cotton reel, preferably wooden. Using felt pens or paints make the reel into a head, animal or human, painting the face and sticking on felt ears, hair made from wool etc. Plastic reels are less easy to

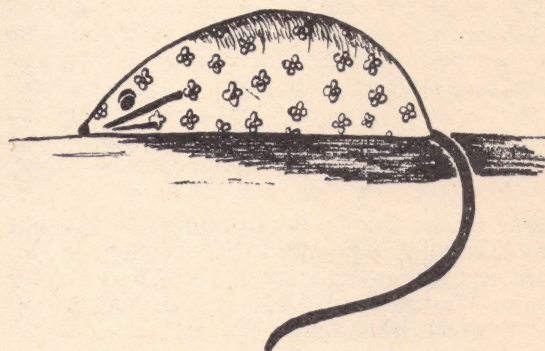


use, but *you* can experiment with different types of paints and see if any would be suitable for use in your Pack. Again, features can be stuck on if you prefer. The reel usually fits neatly on to the end of the pencil, but you may need to sandpaper the end of the pencil slightly to make a snug fit, and a little glue gives added strength.

Children in the family or shopping at the stall will love a soft toy mouse, especially if it is made in an interesting fabric, such as fur fabric or a textured material. You will need scraps of material (the mouse does not need to be more than 12 cms. long) sewing cotton to match; some thicker sewing cotton for

Continued on page 16

Drawings
by
Lorna
Hanwell



**ALL BROWNIES
in
SCOTLAND**

can buy uniform and
equipment from

The Scottish Guide Shops

16 Coates Crescent, EDINBURGH EH3 7AH
(Tel. 031-225 3483)

1 Scott Street, GLASGOW G3 6NU
(Tel. 041-332 6288)

6 Panmure Street, DUNDEE DD1 2BW
(Tel. Dundee 22262)

11 Albyn Place, ABERDEEN AB1 1YE
(Tel. Aberdeen 21563)

IDEAL FUND RAISERS FOR YOUR BROWNIE PACK

WE SUPPLY nine various ball pens, nylon tip pens, combs, pencils, key fobs, rainhoods, P.V.C. goods, four various types of diaries, calendars, various rulers, set squares, book matches, wallets, coin purses, etc., etc. All are excellent Fund-Raisers—Good Quality. We give Full Guarantee. **All orders are completed within 5 days of receipt.**

Send now for our 1976 price list. Please send 9p on a SELF-ADDRESSED label/envelope.

THOMPSON & CREIGHTON (Advertising)
LTD., Dept. B/11,
North Tyne Industrial Estate,
Whitley Road, Longbenton,
Newcastle upon Tyne NE12 9SN.
Telephone: 0632 669511/2.



*Mystery at Plas Gwyn (7)
continued from page 10*

the rest of the story. Aunt Laura went to the village and returned full of news.

'The two men have been arrested,' she said 'The diamonds were stolen about three months ago and hidden in Plas Gwyn until the hue and cry died down. I suppose,' said Aunt Laura reflectively.

'The thieves thought they would be safe enough in an empty house. Nobody thought of looking there!'

'Until we came along,' boasted Daisy.

'I'm proud of you,'

declared Aunt Laura. 'And Jess! Well, the sale upset their plans and they had to get hold of the diamonds quickly.'

'Why not just buy the vase?' asked Jenny.

'It seems they didn't know about the auction, until it was too late and there were six blue and white vases in Plas Gwyn. They couldn't find the right one!'

'It was an adventure,' said Daisy happily. 'I'm sorry our holiday is over tomorrow.'

'I've got another piece of news for you,' said Aunt

Laura and smiled to herself. 'I've been telling Mrs. Evans about the disappointment over your Pack Holiday.'

'And,' said the Cuthberts hardly daring to hope.

'Brown Owl is going to be invited to bring you all to the farm for a Pack Holiday next August.'

'Oh, Aunt Laura, that's marvellous,' said Daisy. 'Perhaps we'll have another adventure!'

Perhaps they will.

THE END

*Mainly for Pack
Leaders continued
from page 15*

tail, eyes and whiskers; scissors and needles.

To make;

You must first cut a paper pattern; decide on the size you want then cut the two sides and the base, noting that the length of

each side of the overall base must equal the length of the base of the mouse. After cutting out in fabric, stitch the top of the mouse together on the inside, using a strong back stitch. Stitch the base to the lower edges, leaving an opening of approx. 3 cms. on one side for stuffing. Stuff with old nylon tights, cut into small pieces. Sew

up the opening. Make French knots for eyes, or if this is too difficult for some of your Brownies, make several small stitches on top of each other; make a plaited tail from any thick sewing cotton or silk, and attach. Sew black cotton whiskers on either side of the 'nose'.

Classified Advertisements

Raise funds quickly and successfully. Top-quality cards, great value gifts and household items give up to 25% profit for your funds. Family, friends and neighbours will love them — ideal for Christmas. So however much you need for your good cause, no matter how large or small, try Miller Leswyn. Send for our **free** colour catalogue. No outlay, no obligation, no risk. Miller Leswyn Ltd., Dept. LJ9K., Queensbridge Works, Queen Street, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs. DE14 3LP.

Raising funds? Our Pens and Badges have raised many thousands of pounds for Clubs, Schools and Charities, 6½p for catalogue or 3 x 6½p stamps for samples. Westfield Ltd., Dept. 16, Westfield House, Helena Street, Birmingham B1 2RJ.

(From 29th September)

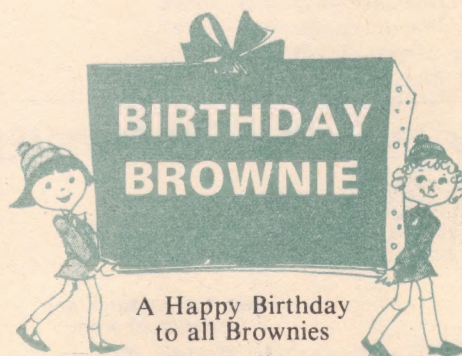
Food: Spaghetti-Italy; Stew-Ireland; China-Rice; Haggis-Scotland.

Objects: Apple; Mushroom; Tomato; Pear. Odd one out—Toadstool.

Fruits: Pear; Grapefruit; Orange; Pineapple; Cherry.

'Heart': Art; Ate; Are; Ear; Eat; Era; Hat; Her; Rat; Tar; Tea; The.

Reader's Coupon The Brownie, 6th October 1976 (please print clearly and fully)	
Name.....	Age.....
Address.....	
Pack.....	
Guide County.....	
The attached contribution is the original unaided work of.....	
Signed: Parent and Guider.....	



who have a birthday this week. There is a small gift waiting for one of you. Just paste a completed Reader's Coupon onto a postcard and send it to the address on page 3 by next Wednesday, 13th October. The gift will be posted to the Brownie whose card is drawn first.